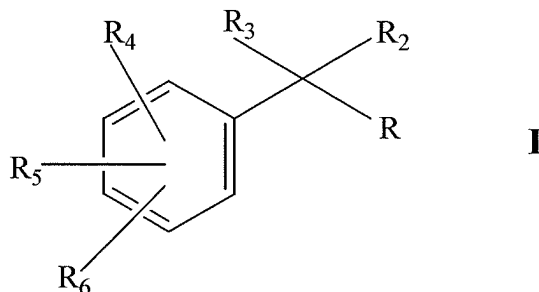


IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A sodium channel blocker represented by the ~~general~~ structure:



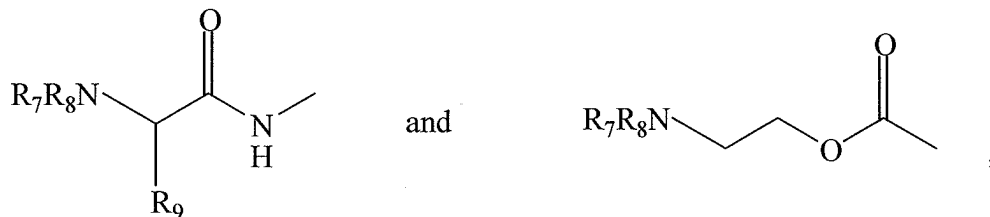
wherein R is selected from the group consisting of ~~C₁-C₁₂ alkyl~~, C₁ alkyl, C₃-C₆ alky, C₈-C₁₂ alkyl, C₂-C₉ alkenyl, C₂-C₉ alkynyl, -(CH₂)_mCOOH, -(CH₂)_mNH₂, -(CH₂)_mCONH₂, -(CH₂)_nC₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_naryl, -(CH₂)_n~~substituted~~ aryl, -(CH₂)_pNCH₃(CH₂)_p~~substituted~~ aryl and -(CH₂)_n~~substituted~~ heterocyclic, wherein m is an integer ranging from 3-8, n is an integer ranging from 0-4 and p is an integer ranging from 1-4;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of -(CH₂)_nCOOH, -(CH₂)_nNH₂, and -(CH₂)_nCONHR₁₀; with the proviso that when R₂ is -(CH₂)_nCONHR₁₀, n is 3 or 4;

R₃ is selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, amino, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -CH₂OH and -CONH₂, or R₂ and R₃ taken together with the atoms to which they are attached form an ~~optionally substituted~~ a heterocyclic ring;

R₄ and R₅ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl, C₂-C₄ alkynyl, and C₁-C₄ alkoxy; and

R₆ is selected from the group consisting of H, C₁-C₈ alkyl,

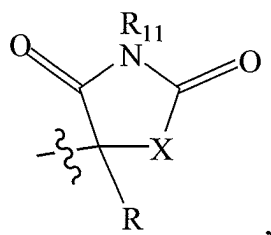


wherein R₇ and R₈ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl and C₂-C₄ alkynyl, and R₉ is H, or R₈ and R₉ taken together with the atoms to which

they are attached form ~~an optionally substituted~~ a heterocyclic ring, and R_{10} is selected from the group consisting of H, benzyl and C_1 - C_4 alkyl, with the proviso that when R_2 and R_3 taken together form a heterocyclic ring, R is not $-(CH_2)_n$ aryl.

2. (Original) The compound of claim 1, wherein R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nCONH_2$; and R_3 is hydroxyl.

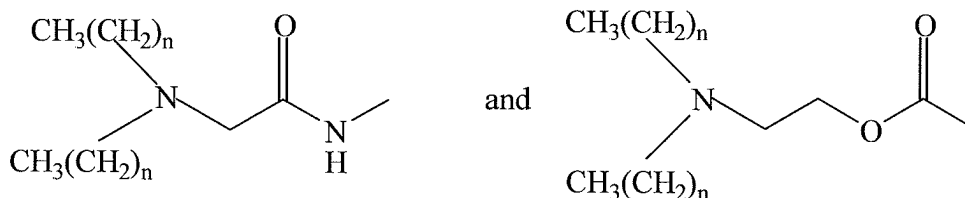
3. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein R_2 and R_3 taken together with the atoms to which they are attached form a heterocyclic ring having the structure:



wherein X is selected from the group consisting of $-CHR_{12}-$, $-O-$ and $-NR_{12}-$, wherein R_{11} and R_{12} are independently selected from the group consisting of H, benzyl and C_1 - C_4 alkyl.

4. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 2 ~~or 3~~ wherein R is selected from the group consisting of ~~C_4 - C_{12} alkyl~~, C_1 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 alkyl, C_8 - C_{12} alkyl, C_2 - C_8 alkenyl and C_2 - C_8 alkynyl.

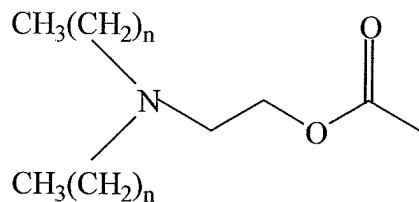
5. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 2 ~~or 3~~ wherein R_4 and R_5 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halo and C_1 - C_4 alkyl; and R_6 is selected from the group consisting of H,



wherein n is an integer ranging from 0-2.

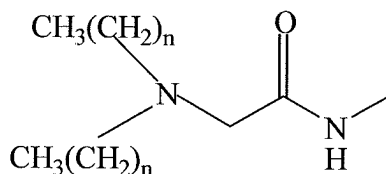
6. (Original) The compound of claim 5 wherein R_4 and R_6 are both H, and R_5 is Cl or F.

7. (Original) The compound of claim 5 wherein R_4 and R_5 are both H, and R_6 is



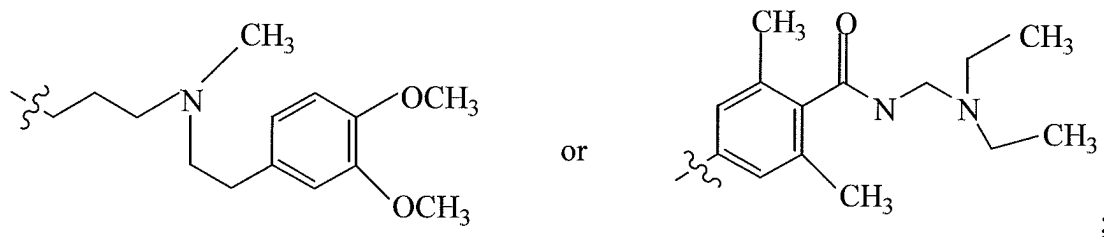
wherein n is an integer ranging from 0-2.

8. (Original) The compound of claim 5 wherein R_4 and R_5 are both C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and R_6 is



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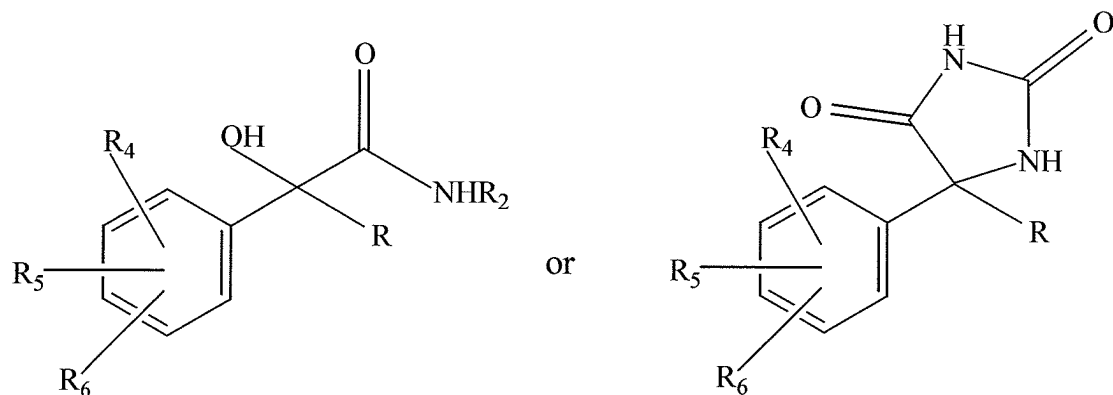
9. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 2-~~or~~ 3 wherein R is



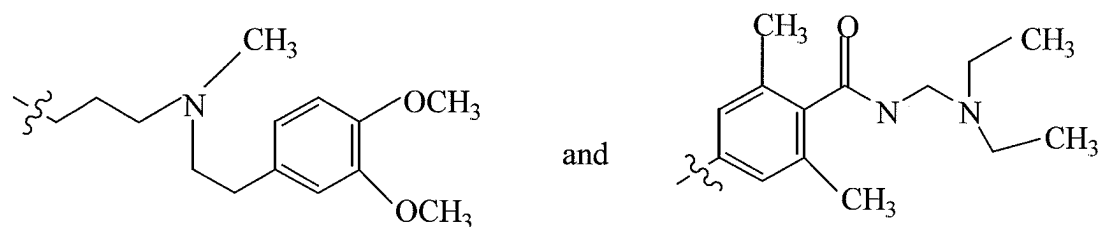
R_4 and R_5 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halo and C_1 - C_4 alkoxy; and

R_6 is H.

10. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound represented by the ~~general~~ formula:



wherein R is selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, C_1 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 alkyl, C_8 - C_{12} alkyl, C_2 - C_8 alkenyl, C_2 - C_8 alkynyl, $-(CH_2)_n$ C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl,

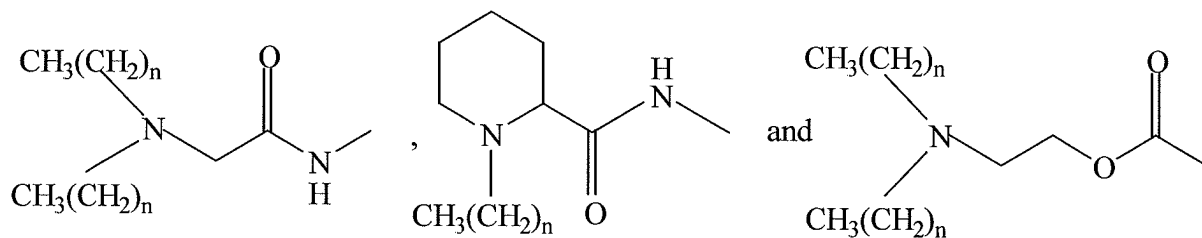


wherein n is an integer ranging from 0-4;

R_2 is H or C_1 - C_4 alkyl;

R_4 and R_5 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halo, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_2 - C_4 alkenyl, C_2 - C_4 alkynyl, $-COR_{11}$ and $(C_1$ - $C_4)$ alkoxy; and

R_6 is selected from the group consisting of H, halo,



wherein R_{11} is selected from the group consisting of H, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, NH_2 and OH; and
 a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

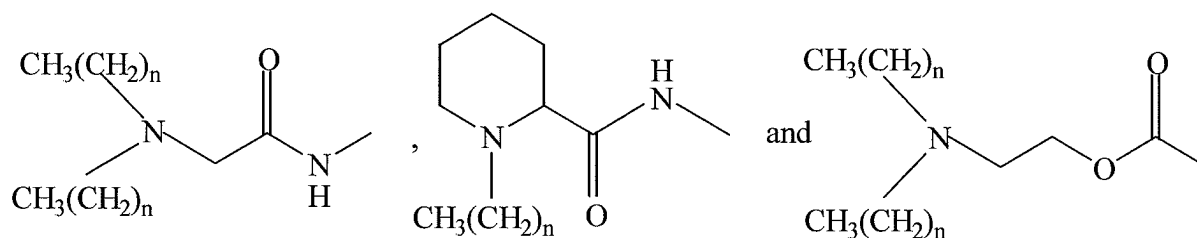
11. (Original) The composition of claim 10 further comprising an anti-tumor agent.

12. (Original) The composition of claim 11, wherein the anti-tumor agent is a chemotherapeutic.

13. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 10, wherein R is selected from the group consisting of ~~C₄-C₁₂ alkyl~~, C₁ alkyl, C₃-C₆ alkyl, and C₈-C₁₂ alkyl;

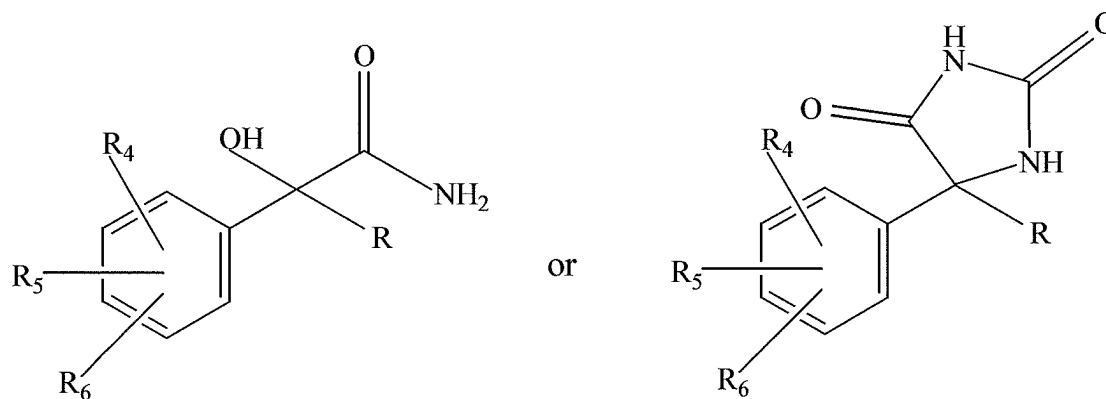
R₄ and R₅ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halo and C₁-C₄ alkyl; and

R₆ is selected from the group consisting of H,

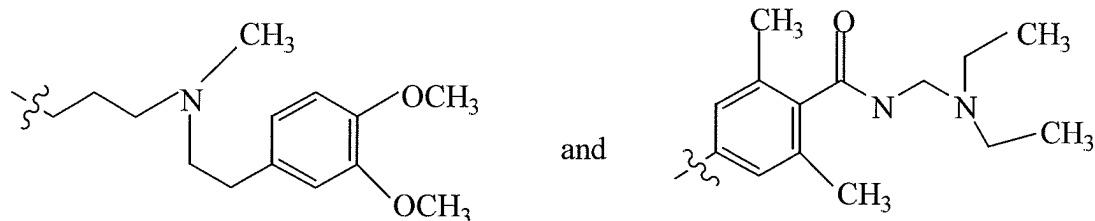


wherein n is an integer ranging from 0-4.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of specifically inhibiting voltage-gated sodium channels, said method comprising the step of contacting said sodium channel with a compound represented by the ~~general~~ structure:

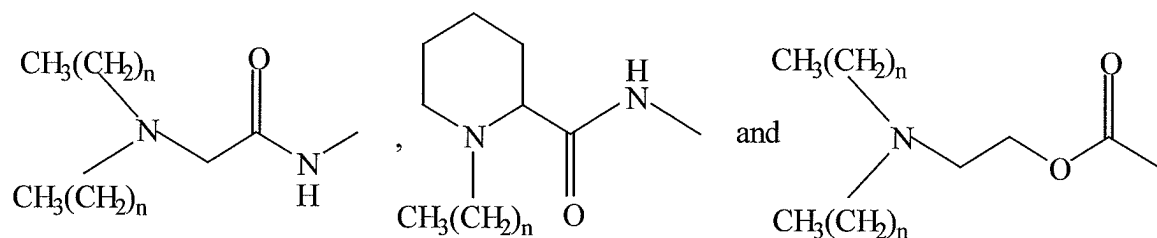


wherein R is selected from the group consisting of ~~C₄-C₁₂ alkyl~~, C₁ alkyl, C₃-C₆ alkyl, C₈-C₁₂ alkyl, C₂-C₈ alkenyl, C₂-C₈ alkynyl, -(CH₂)_nC₃-C₆ cycloalkyl,



R_4 and R_5 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halo, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_2 - C_4 alkenyl, C_2 - C_4 alkynyl, $-\text{COR}_{11}$ and $(C_1$ - $C_4)$ alkoxy; and

R_6 is selected from the group consisting of H, halo,

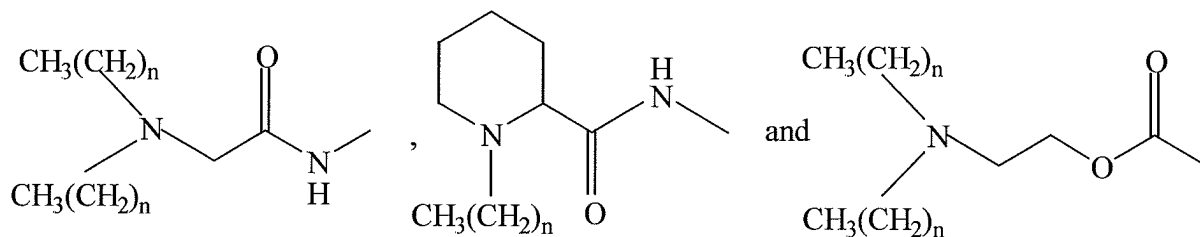


wherein R_{11} is selected from the group consisting of H, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, NH_2 and OH , and n is an integer ranging from 0-4.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 wherein R is selected from the group consisting of ~~C_1 - C_{12} alkyl~~, C_1 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 alky, and C_8 - C_{12} alkyl;

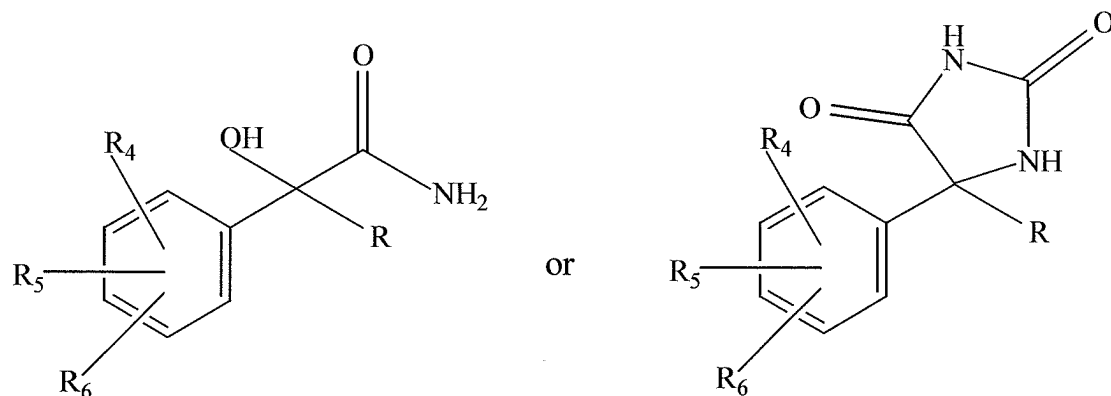
R_4 and R_5 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halo and C_1 - C_4 alkyl; and

R_6 is selected from the group consisting of H,

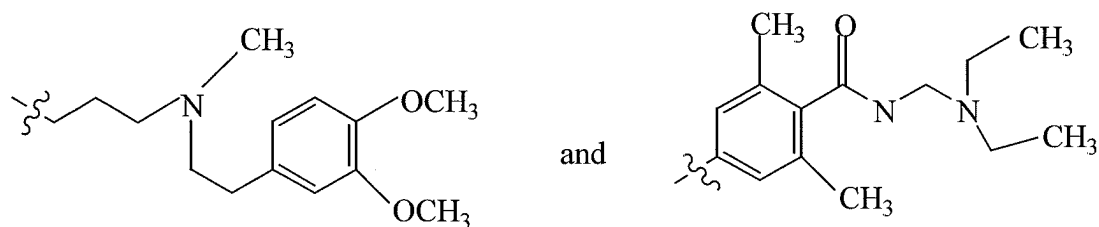


wherein n is an integer ranging from 0-4.

16. (Withdrawn) A method for treating a neoplastic disease, said method comprising the step of administering to a patient in need thereof a composition comprising a compound represented by the general structure:



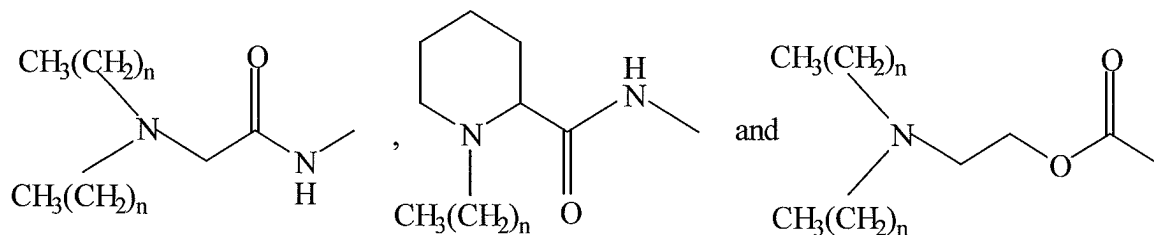
wherein R is selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, C_2 - C_8 alkenyl, C_2 - C_8 alkynyl, $-(CH_2)_n$ - C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl,



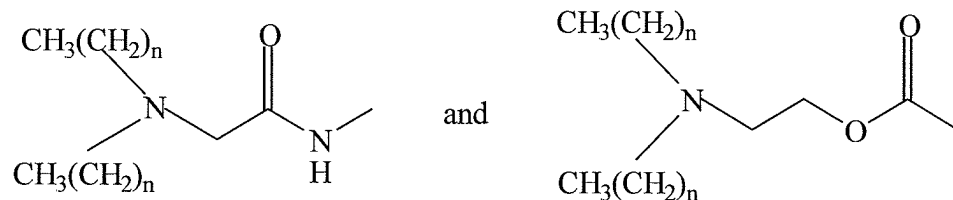
wherein n is an integer ranging from 0-4;

R_4 and R_5 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halo, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_2 - C_4 alkenyl, C_2 - C_4 alkynyl, $-COR_{11}$ and $(C_1$ - $C_4)$ alkoxy; and

R_6 is selected from the group consisting of H, halo,



R₆ is selected from the group consisting of H,



wherein n is an integer ranging from 0-4 and

R₁₄ and R₁₅ are independently selected from the group consisting of H and halo, ~~or R₁₄~~
~~and R₁₅ taken together with the atoms to which they are attached form an optionally substituted~~
~~C₅-C₆-aryl.~~

20. (Canceled)